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July 18, 2014

The Honorable Katrina F. Shealy PO Box 142 Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Senator Shealy:

This letter is in response to your June 16, 2014 correspondence requesting an investigation of the probate estate of Samuel Newton Harmon. Unfortunately, the law does not grant the Attorney General the power to conduct this type of investigation.

Furthermore, my understanding from our telephone conversation is that this probate estate is currently involved in litigation. State law does not authorize this Office, by issuing an opinion, to intervene in any pending litigation.

Please let us know if we can assist you with any future matters.

Sincerely,

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